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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)

Applicant/Patent Owner: Kevin Wade Hampton

Application No./Patent No.: 10/724,982 Filed/Issue Date: November 30, 2003

Entitled: Die Thinning Methods

Union Semiconductor Technology Corporation, a corporation
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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, Kevin Wade Hampton, N3453 1010 Street, Eau Claire, Wisconsin, 54703, have invented and own a certain invention entitled DIE THINNING METHODS for which an application is about to be made for Letters Patent of the United States, said application having been executed on even date herewith, and which may be identified in the United States Patent and Trademark Office by Serial No. 10/ 724,982 filed November 30, 2003; and

WHEREAS, Union Semiconductor Technology Corporation, a corporation incorporated in the State of Minnesota, having a place of business at 15301 Hwy 55 W, Plymouth, Minnesota 55497, (hereinafter "Assignee") is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, said application and in, to an under any and all Letters Patent to be obtained therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable considerations to me in hand paid by said Assignee, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I have sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto the said Assignee, its successors and assigns, my entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, said application and the Letters Patent, both foreign and domestic, that may or shall issue, including all of my rights under the International Convention, and I do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent to the above-mentioned assignee in accordance herewith.

I further authorize said assignee, its successors and assigns, or anyone it may properly designate, to apply for Letters Patent, in its own name if desired, in any and all foreign countries, and additionally to claim the filing date of said United States application and/or otherwise take advantage of the provisions of the International Convention.

I hereby authorize the above-mentioned assignee, its successors and assigns or anyone it may properly designate, to insert in this instrument the filing date and Serial Number of said application when ascertained.

Upon said consideration, I do hereby covenant and agree with the said assignee, its successors and assigns, that I have not and will not execute any writing or do any act whatsoever conflicting with these presents, and that I or my executors or administrators will at any time upon request, without further or additional consideration, but at the expense of said assignee, its successors and assigns, execute such additional writings and do such additional acts as said assignee, its successors and assigns, may deem necessary or desirable to perfect the assignee's enjoyment of this grant, and render all necessary assistance in making application for and obtaining original, divisional, continuation, reissued or extended Letters Patent of the United States, or of any and all foreign countries on said invention, and in enforcing any rights, occurring as a result of such applications or patents, by giving testimony in any proceedings or transactions involving such applications or patents.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal.

Date: NOV 28, 2003

and affixed my seal.



Kevin Wade Hampton

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
COUNTY OF *Eau Claire*) SS.

On the above date before me personally appeared Kevin Wade Hampton, to me known to be the person described in and who executed to foregoing instrument and acknowledged that he executed the same as his free act and deed.

Karen L. Schle
Notary Public
My Commission expires 10-2-05